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This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2004 with respect to this application. This response is being filed within the one-month shortened statutory period set for response in the Office Action.

The Examiner set forth a restriction requirement requiring the Applicants to select a single set of claims for examination purposes from the following:

- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to an apparatus and process for collecting and redistributing, classified in class 261, subclass 97.
- II. Claim 15, drawn to a cryogenic air separation process, classified in class 62, subclass 640.
- III. Claim 16, drawn to a method of assembly, classified in class 29, subclass 28.

Applicants provisionally elect claims 1-14. Applicants' provisional election is made with traverse.

The Examiner also concluded that there are three (3) patentably distinct species of

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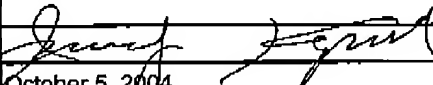
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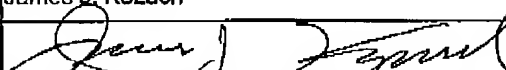
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